Further Extension of Academic Template Submission and AcTF Blog

Dear Colleagues,

In response to the delay in the release of program data to departments, the AcTF has extended the deadlines for required template submissions to begin February 14th and conclude March 21st. The rolling deadlines will function in the same way as described before. Departments with finished templates by the original deadlines are welcome to turn them in at their earliest convenience, if they choose.

Further, in response to the feedback from faculty for improved communications between the task force and the campus community, the AcTF has established a blog on the UAA website with the assistance of the Faculty Technology Center. The blog can be found here (LINK). The AcTF members have been working on pieces for this blog to better explain our deliberations and decision making. For example, there are already postings on the changes to the quintile system. These changes are the result of the Faculty Senate motion, approved by Provost Baker and Chancellor Case, that the quintile system be reconsidered. While this email, and all future emails, to the listserv will only describe the decisions that have been made, greater details on the background for and justification of these decisions will be posted on the blog.

The AcTF has spent a great deal of time reconsidering the quintile system. We have decreased the forced distribution to 15% per category, and abandoned the term quintile as it is now even less accurate. The AcTF did decide to keep five categories, but have decided that each needs a fuller
description of its meaning and implications. We are working to revise this language soon.

Many issues surrounding conflict of interest and open meetings were raised in the feedback to the AcTF. We continue to work on these issues and will be communicating our decisions to you soon in email, and in more detail on the blog.

Please note that you are all able to comment on the blog. To visit the blog click here: [http://actf.commons.ualaska.edu/](http://actf.commons.ualaska.edu/) or paste the URL into your browser.

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Warm, snow melting Regards,

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